## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

MATTHEOS KOFFAS ET. AL. CASE NO.: CL1596US DIV

APPLICATION NO.: 09/934868 GROUP ART UNIT: 1635

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(OF PARENT)

FOR: DENITRIFYING METHANOTROHIC BACTERIAL STRAIN

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **Introductory Comments**

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: